

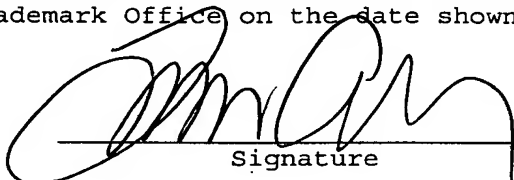
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**AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
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S i r :

Responsive to the Office action dated November 16, 2004 kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.